
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§6E- Archaeological data survey database. (a) There
5 is established a Hawaii archaeological data survey database
6 designated as a program of the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural
7 and Cultural History. The database shall be online and
8 accessible to the public through the Internet. The information
9 within the database may include information relating to the
10 collections of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, publicly
11 available materials, and materials from private entities or
12 organizations. The database may include archaeological
13 information such as reports, photographs, drawings, maps, and
14 archived documents. The database may also include compilations
15 of collections information from public and private repositories
16 including:



- 1 (1) A description of the types and amounts of materials
2 and associated documentation in each collection;
- 3 (2) A listing of the owner or owners of all materials and
4 associated documentation in each collection;
- 5 (3) A general assessment of the condition of the
6 components of each collection; and
- 7 (4) Other relevant information pertaining to each
8 collection.

9 The data survey database shall be developed and maintained by
10 the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History, in
11 consultation with the state historic preservation division and
12 other appropriate state and federal agencies and private
13 organizations.

14 (b) The archaeological data survey shall not include any
15 information required to remain confidential under federal,
16 state, or county laws, rules, or regulations.

17 (c) The State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural
18 History, in consultation with the office of Hawaiian affairs and
19 the state historic preservation division, may temporarily or
20 permanently withhold from the database any information due to a
21 valid threat of destruction or loss of the information, or if
22 disclosure may frustrate the legitimate and necessary function



1 of protecting a valuable archaeological site or artifact. The
2 entities shall determine what information shall be withheld from
3 the data survey; provided that prior consultation is sought with
4 any affected state or federal governmental agencies, or private
5 individuals or organizations."

6 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Archaeological Data Survey

Description:

Establishes an archaeological data survey as an online database program under the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History; authorizes the museum, in consultation with the office of Hawaiian affairs and the state historic preservation division to withhold information from the database if a disclosure may pose a threat to a site or artifact. (SD1)

